

TPs – February 18, 2022

Ottawa

- A secure perimeter has been established around the downtown core, from Bronson Avenue to the Canal and from Highway 417 to Parliament Hill.
- More than 100 checkpoints have been set up to limit access to anyone who does not have a lawful reason to be there.
- Members of the public will be required to show proof of exemption for travel to the Secured Area.
- In an effort to keep additional protestors from entering the downtown core, numerous exits along highway 417 have been closed.
- The OPP and Ministry of Transport are monitoring the roads into Ottawa to prevent additional protestors from entering the city.
- Since enforcement action commenced yesterday evening, a number of arrests have taken place.
- Notably, two key organizers of the Freedom Convoy, Christopher BARBER and Tamara LICH, were arrested by OPS last night. They are currently in police custody.

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- Officers were briefed at 5:00 AM this morning, and were deployed to the area around 7:00 AM.
- They are currently focused on dismantling site one, which is located at Nicholas and Walter.

- Currently, at site one, there are 16 vehicles. As of 8:30 this morning, 10 arrests have been made, and two vehicles have been breached.

Other:

- The RCMP has launched a website to help Canadians quickly find the most up-to-date information on the disruptions/blockades. The site, “blockade.rcmp.ca” has information on news releases, statements, media advisories, and backgrounders related to the unfolding situation.